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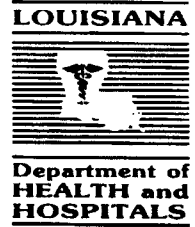
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Dear Governor Blanco and Legislators:

In accordance with R.S. 40:1300.71, I am pleased to present the 10th annual 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card, published by the Department of Health and Hospitals/Office of Public Health. This document reports on the overall state of health in Louisiana. We provide this information to meet informational needs and promote discussion in Louisiana communities that result in the improved health status of Louisianans.

State, regional, and parish level sources of information have been assembled to link current health assessments with prevention initiatives, present comparisons of morbidity and mortality, and make recommendations to improve individual and community health status. Charts, tables, narrative summaries, and statistical analysis are provided for Louisiana's 64 parishes.

The report card is also available on our website at www.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov. Copies can be obtained through the Department of Health and Hospitals/Office of Public Health. We welcome feedback from you and your communities. We hope that the report card continues to prompt discussion and meet informational needs as we all work together to improve health status outcomes in Louisiana.

Sincerely,

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